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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3690

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3029

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: US POW/ MIAS LAOS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 2972

B. VIENTIANE 2973

1. REFTELS INFORMED DEPT THAT MIA WIFE KAREN WEISSENBACK MET WITH LPF PERMREP SOTH PHETRASY ON 17 APRIL. DURING DISCUSSION, MRS. WEISSENBACK RAISED SUBJECT OF SHORT LIST OF NINE ACKNOWLEDGED PWS IN LAOS AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT RELEASE. SOTH INFORMED MRS. WEISSENBACK THAT BETWEEN FEBRUARY 21 ( THE DAY EMBOFFS CALLED ON HIM AND ASKED THAT LPF TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OTHER US PWS MIGHT BE HELD CAPTIVE) AND MARCH 28, THE DAY THE LAOS PRISONERS WERE RELEASED, LPF HAD METHODICALLY INQUIRED THROUGHOUT THEIR AREA OF CONTROL WHETHER ADDITIONAL USPWS WERE BEING HELD. SOTH STATED THAT ORDERS WERE TRANSMITTED TO ALL PL REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS IN ZONES CONTROLLED BY THEIR FORCES. AT REGIMENTAL LEVEL, ACCORDING TO SOTH, INQUIRES WERE DIRECTED TO THE VILLAGE LEVEL AND NO

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ADDITIONAL PWS WERE REPORTED BEING HELD.

2. EMBASSY HAD NEVER BEEN INFORMED OF SUCH PROCEDURES EMPLOYED BY LPF, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF SUCH CONFIRMATION WITH SOTH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE MARCH 28 . HE MAY HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF THE ACTION TAKEN UNTIL RECENTLY OR HE MAY HAVE EMBELLISHED ON THE PROCEDURES EMPLOYED FOR MRS. WEISSENBACK' S BENEFIT.

3. ON A RELATED SUBJECT, SOTH INFORMED MRS. WEISSENBACK THAT LPF IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF COLLECTING INFORMATION ON MIAS IN LAOS OF ALL NATIONALITIES.  
GODLEY

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